

Remarks

Claims 8, 9, 11-14, 16-23, 26 and 27 are pending.

The Examiner states that Claims 8, 9, 11-14, 16-23 and 27 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections set forth in the Office Action. It is submitted that the Examiner also intended to include Claim 26 in that list of claims. It is also submitted that the pending claims need not be rewritten.

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner objects to the disclosure because the specification on file in the Office seems to be missing some sections, the description of the several views of the drawings is incomplete, and there are one or more sections in the PCT application that are not in the present application. The Examiner requests that Applicants submit a new substitute specification that includes all the amendments.

Although the Examiner did not expressly include Form Paragraph 6.28.01 (MPEP 608.01(q)), based upon the telephone conversation between the Examiner and the undersigned on April 7, 2004, it is understood that a substitute specification, excluding the claims, is required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125(a) because the Office's records are incomplete.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125(a), Applicants attach hereto a substitute specification, excluding the claims. The substitute specification includes all known amendments of record, including the Amendment filed on August 16, 2002. The substitute specification includes pages 1-6 and 10. It is noted that the Examiner, based upon the Amendment filed on August 16, 2002, withdrew the previous objection to the specification in the Office Action mailed on October 4, 2002. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present objection to the specification has been overcome.

Objections to the Drawings

The Examiner objects to the drawings because the Office's file includes only Figures 1 and 2, wherein Figures 3-9 are missing. The Examiner requests a new set of drawings.

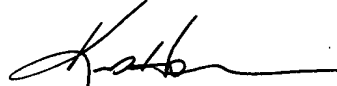
Attached hereto is a new set of drawings (4 sheets). These sheets include Figures 1 and 2, as were previously submitted with the Amendment filed on August 16, 2002, and Figures 3-8 (sheets 3/4 and 4/4). There is no Figure 9. Therefore, it is submitted that the objection to the drawings has been overcome.

Summary and Conclusion

The Examiner made no new art of record in the Office Action. Since the objection to the specification and the objection to the drawings have been dealt with, it is submitted that the pending claims, in their present form, are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and early allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Houser', written over a horizontal line.

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